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## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## Medical Officer

— of Health —

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For the Year 1940.



*To the Chairman and Members  
of the Urban District Council of Lakes.*

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1940.

The Ministry of Health has issued a Circular stressing economy in the matter of paper and printing, and states that these reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected Public Health.

It is in accordance with these instructions that I have compiled this Report.

Should you desire any further particulars, I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

25th June, 1941.

W. BARON COCKILL,  
Medical Officer of Health.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE Year Ending December 31st, 1940.

Registrar-Generals' estimate of Resident population, mid 1940	...	...	...	6,460
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### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	59	31	28	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 9.4
	Illegitimate	2	1	1	
Birth Rate, England & Wales		...	...	...	14.6
Still Births		1	—	1	(live and still) births ... 16.1
Deaths		69	45	24	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ... 9.3
Death Rate, England & Wales		...	...	...	14.3

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis ...	1	15.4
Other Puerperal Causes ...	Nil.	Nil.
Total ...	1	15.4
Maternal Mortality Rate, England & Wales ...		2.16

## Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	16
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	16
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	Nil.
Infantile Death Rate, England & Wales ...	55
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...	8
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	Nil.
„ „ Measles (all ages) ...	Nil.
„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) ...	Nil.

## The largest number of deaths from any one source were :—

Heart Disease ...	19
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions ...	11
Cancer ...	8

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water and Sewerage.

Extensions to meet the new houses erected have been made.

### Public Cleansing.

No change in these services has been made.

### Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

- (1) By the Local Authority ... 23
- (2) By other bodies or persons ... Nil.

There has been no gross amount of overcrowding owing to the influx of evacuees—the number of these has varied from time to time, but it is estimated that the population has increased by more than 60%.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Milk.

Fourteen milk samples were examined for cleanliness and tubercle bacilli. No tubercle bacilli were found, and the cleanliness may be expressed as Good 3, Moderate 4, and Bad 7.

### Meat.

Private slaughter-houses were closed in January and Meat was supplied from the Central Slaughter House at Kendal.

## ADULTERATION, ETC., AND CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and this work was carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, B.Sc., F.I.C., County Analyst, Darlington.



# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

It is most satisfactory to note how few infectious diseases have occurred; the following were notified:—Scarlet Fever 2, Diphtheria 1, Erysipelas 1, Puerperal Pyrexia 1, and Pneumonia 3; there were 288 cases of Measles and 5 of Whooping Cough.

Whilst the notification of Measles and Whooping Cough does not assist the control of these diseases, the Ministry of Health desires the fullest data indicating the incidence and distribution of them.

Artificial immunization against Diphtheria has been continued through all elementary schools under the Education Authority, and A.P.T. is the prophylactic which has been used.

Up-to-date Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking.  
*hospital*  
 An orthopædic/for evacuees was opened at Ibbotsholme.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

Four pulmonary cases were notified and of these three had contracted the disease elsewhere but came to reside in the Area. There was one fatal case.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1940.

DISEASE	Total	AGES										Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
		—1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10	15—	20—	35—			45—
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria ....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia ....	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas ....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Measles ....	283	8	9	17	15	18	122	56	11	17	8	2	1	—
Whooping Cough ....	5	—	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	296	8	10	19	15	20	124	57	12	20	8	3	4	—



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